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LASH WAS ON THE TRAIL OF A JAIL BREAKER, A MAN WHO HAD VANISHED FROM THE PENITENTIARY SIX MONTHS BEFORE! AND HE FOUND HIS MAN, BUT IN A STRANGE WAY!

LASH LARUE

in
CROSSED TRAILS



PH 4177

DROP YOUR GUN AN' YOUR WHIP TO THE GROUND, THEN DISMOUNT! NO TRICKS I GOT YUH COVERED!



JESSE MORSE! I'VE BEEN ON YOUR TRAIL, EVER SINCE YOU BROKE JAIL!

YEAH, I KNOW, I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YUH TO CATCH UP WITH ME!

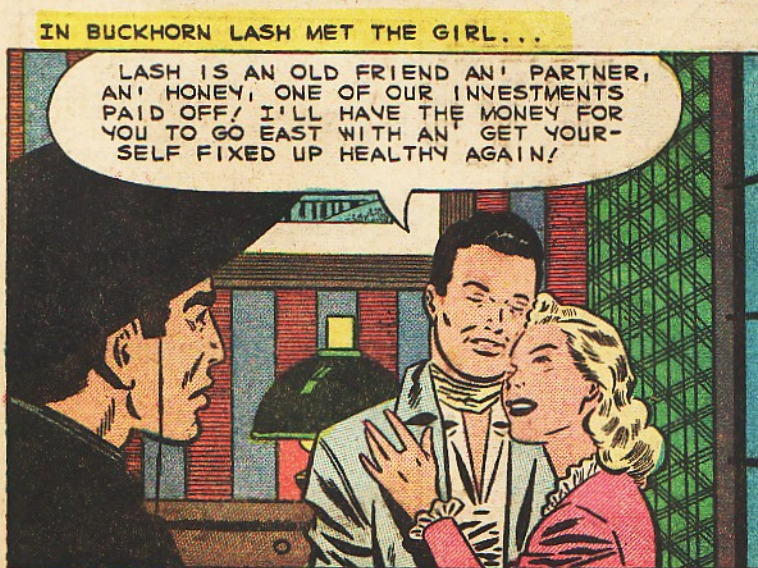
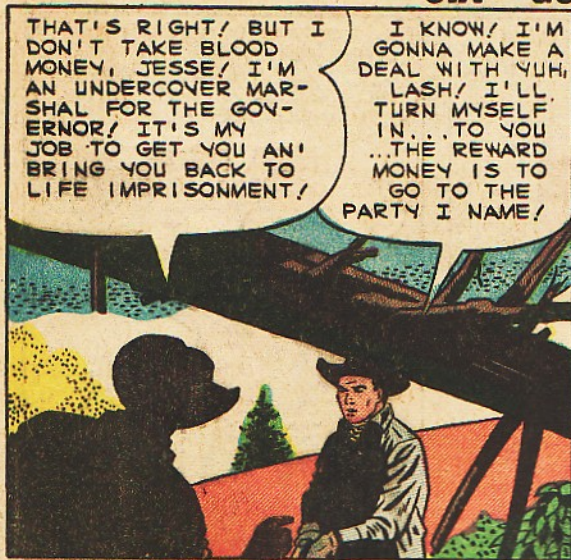


YOU'VE GOT ME COLD! WHAT'S IT GOIN' TO BE, A BULLET IN THE BACK?

NO! WE'RE GONNA TALK! I HEAR THERE IS A \$5000 REWARD ON MY HEAD... TO THE MAN WHO TURNS ME IN!



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HIS ERRAND COMPLETED LASH WENT BACK TO THE HOTEL ROOM HE HAD TAKEN FOR JESSE MORSE AND HIMSELF!

SHE'LL KNOW, NOW/
GINNY'LL KNOW! AN'
HER TRIP BACK EAST
TO THE DOC'S, THAT'S
ALL OVER WITH NOW!

JAGGET,
YOU'RE MAKIN'
A BIG MISTAKE!
LET ME EX-
PLAIN...

WHAT'S THIS?
WHO ARE
YOU,
MISTER?

M'NAME'S JAGGET!
I'M A BOUNTY HUNTER!
RECOGNIZED JESSE
MORSE? I'M CLAIMIN'
THE REWARD, YUH BET-
TER KEEP OUTA THIS,
FELLER, MORSE IS WORTH
MONEY TUH ME, AN' I
AIM TUH COLLECT!



OH, NO, NOBODY'S
TALKIN' ME OUTA MY
MONEY! I...HEY!

HAVE IT YOUR WAY,
VULTURE!

JAGGET, I'M GIVIN' YOU
A CHANCE TO LIVE! GET ON
YOUR HORSE AN' RIDE OUT
AN' KEEP RIDIN'!



LASH SAW THE BOUNTY HUNTER OUT OF
TOWN! THEN HE WENT TO THE TELE-
GRAPH OFFICE WHERE A DRAFT ON THE
LOCAL BANK WAS WAITING FOR HIM!

MA'AM, THE MONEY
JUST CAME IN! JESSE
AN' ME HAVE TO RIDE!
HE'LL SEE YOU BEFORE
WE LEAVE! YOU CAN
CATCH THE NOON
STAGE!

YOU'RE HIS
FRIEND,
MINE TOO I
KNOW! I
MUST TELL
SOMEONE... I
CAN'T TELL JESSE!

I'LL TAKE THE MONEY AND
GO AWAY, BUT NOT EAST TO THE
DOCTORS! YOU SEE I KNOW WHAT'S
WRONG WITH ME! MY HEART! I
ONLY HAVE A SHORT TIME TO LIVE!
BUT JESSE MUST NEVER KNOW!
YOU UNDERSTAND?



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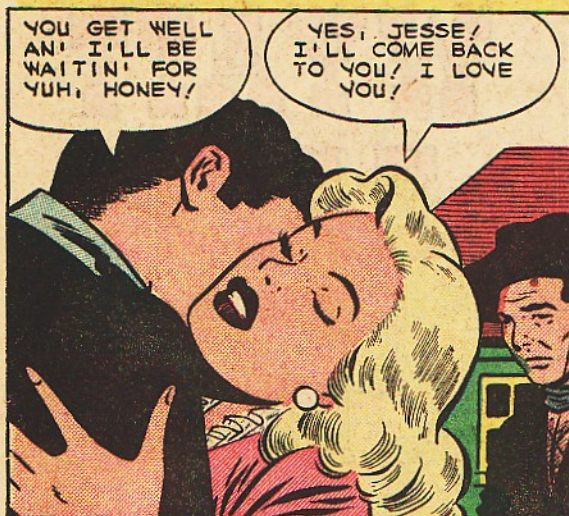
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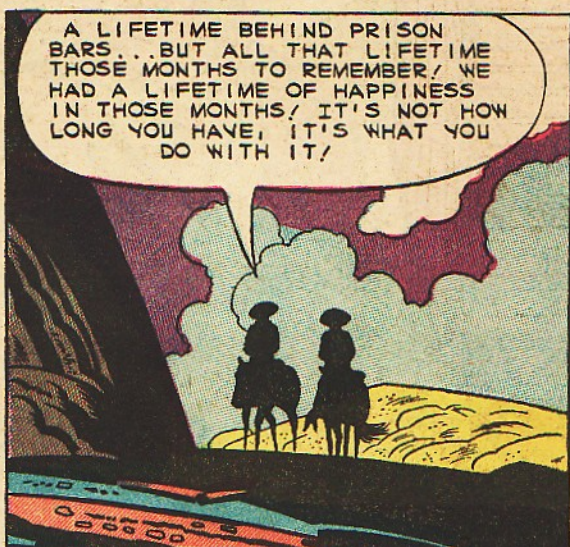
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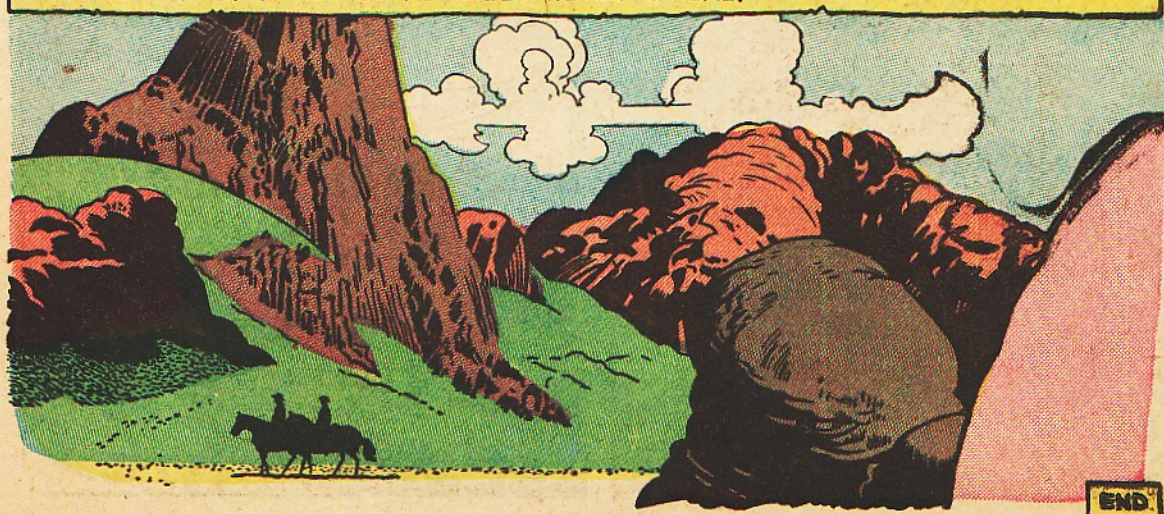
LATER, THE COUPLE SAID FAREWELL!



THEN LASH AND JESSE RODE AWAY... TOWARD LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR JESSE!



AND SO THEY RODE, LASH'S HEART HEAVY WITH THE DOUBLE SECRET OF THIS CROSSED TRAIL, A SECRET HE WOULD NEVER REVEAL!



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FRONTIER MARSHAL

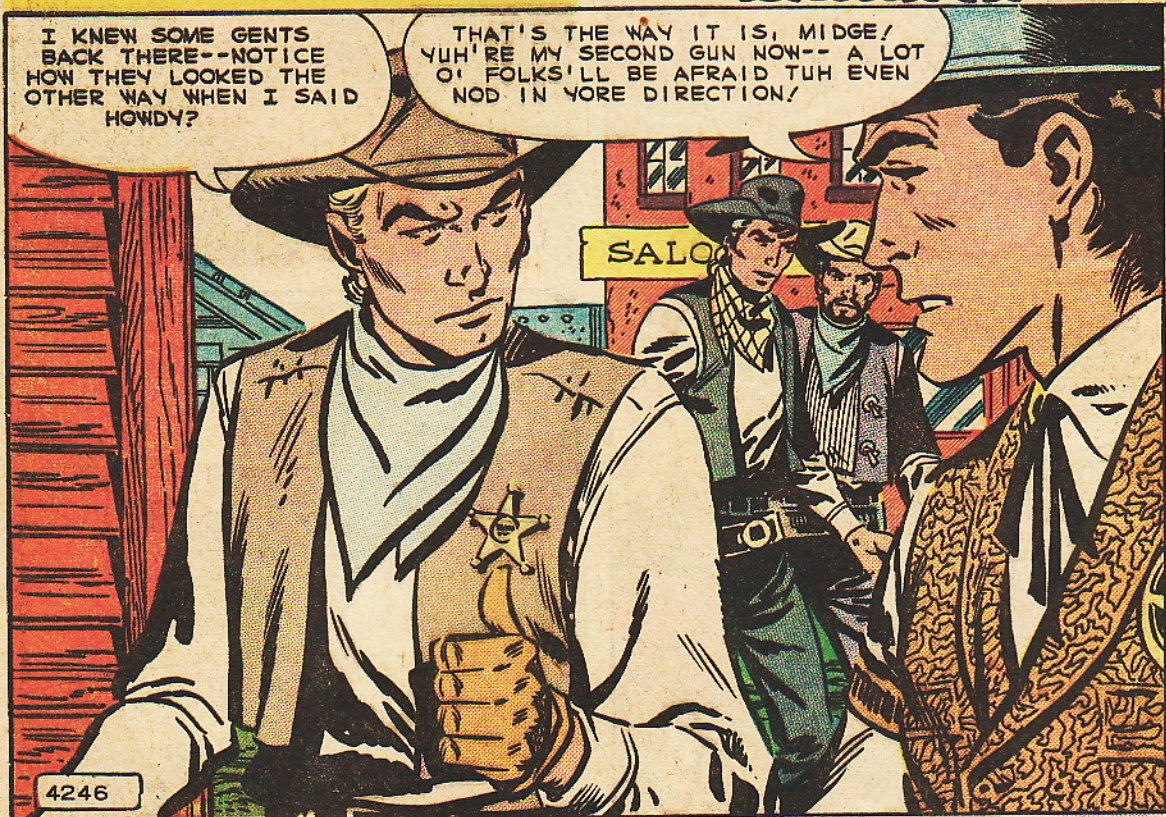
WYATT EARP

THE KID WAS TOUGH...AND SMART....
BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS
ASKING FOR WHEN HE PINNED ON A
DEPUTY'S BADGE! WYATT EARP KNEW
THE BITTER TRUTH BUT HE DIDN'T
TELL HIM....THAT AS A LAWMAN.....

'HE RIDES ALONE'

I KNEW SOME GENTS
BACK THERE--NOTICE
HOW THEY LOOKED THE
OTHER WAY WHEN I SAID
HOWDY?

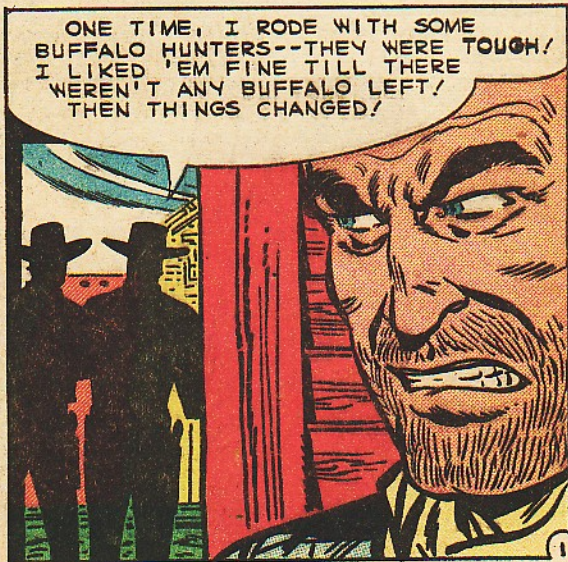
THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, MIDGE!
YUH'RE MY SECOND GUN NOW-- A LOT
O' FOLKS'LL BE AFRAID TUH EVEN
NOD IN YORE DIRECTION!



WHY? I'M A
FRIENDLY CUSS--
I LIKE SAYIN'
HELLO TUH FOLKS,
I LIKE TUH PASS
THE TIME O' DAY!

WE'VE GOT
ENEMIES, MIDGE--
THE MINUTE YUH
PINNED ON THE
BADGE, EVERY
MAN WHO EVER
STOLE A LOLLY-
POP IS AGAINST YUH!
REAL ONLHOOTERS HATE
YUH, TOO!

ONE TIME, I RODE WITH SOME
BUFFALO HUNTERS--THEY WERE TOUGH!
I LIKED 'EM FINE TILL THERE
WEREN'T ANY BUFFALO LEFT!
THEN THINGS CHANGED!



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WE ALL
RODE
INTO
TOWN
WITH-
OUT
A PESO..
LOOKIN'
FOR
ANY KIND
O' WORK
THAT'D
BUY
US A
SQUARE
MEAL...

I'M GONNA
GIT MONEY
SOMEBHERE!
BULL GALT
AIN'T
GONNA
STARVE!

WE'LL
FIND SOME
KINDA
WORK, BULL!
QUIT
WORRYIN'--
WE'LL ALL
DO ALL RIGHT!



THAT
TOWN
WAS FULL
O'
TROUBLE--
OTHER
HUNTERS
WERE IN
THERE
BROKE AN'
HUNGRY
TOO! THE
MARSHAL
WAS AN
OLD GENT
NAMED
LESTER
PEEL....

BETTER
KEEP RIGHT
ON RIDIN',
MISTER!
THERE
AIN'T NO
WORK
HERE--

MOVE OUTA
THE WAY,
GRANPAW!
WE'RE
STAYIN'!



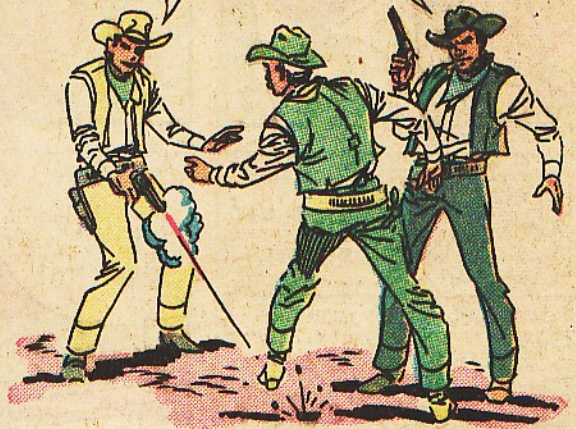
ME, I ALWAYS RESPECTED LAWMEN--
BUT BULL GALT AN' THE OTHERS
SURE DIDN'T!

WE'RE GONNA HELP OURSELVES
TUH THE GRUB AN LIKKER, MISTER!
YUH CAIN'T STOP US!



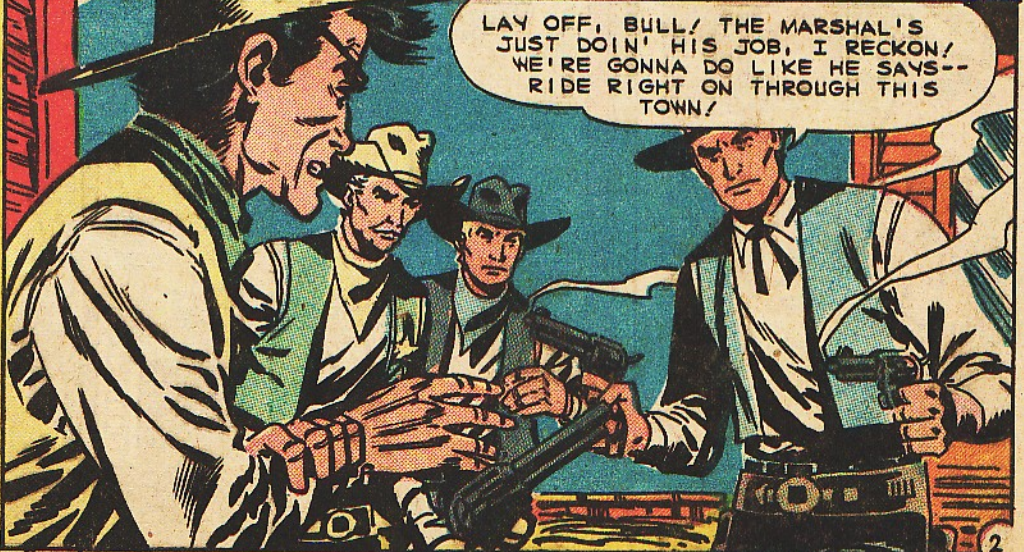
HEEYAWWW/
DANCE, GRANPAW!

WE'RE TAKIN'
OVER!



I
DUNNO
WHY
I
BOUGHT
INTO
IT.. BUT THE
MARSHAL
NEEDED
HELP
AN' I
HAD IT
TUH
GIVE!

LAY OFF, BULL! THE MARSHAL'S
JUST DOIN' HIS JOB, I RECKON!
WE'RE GONNA DO LIKE HE SAYS--
RIDE RIGHT ON THROUGH THIS
TOWN!



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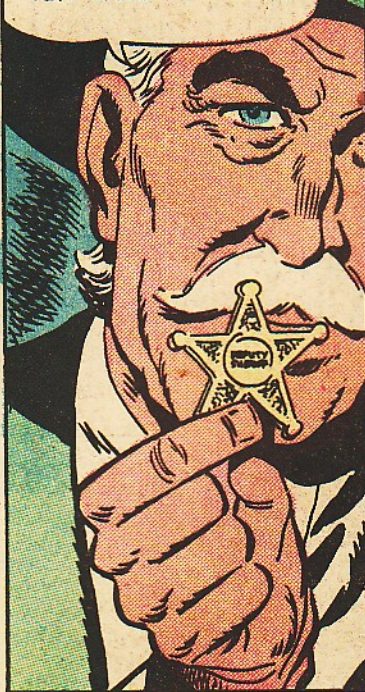
BULL GALT BACKED DOWN.... HIM AN' HIS PALS RODE ON, LIKE I TOLD THEM TO!

MY NAME IS LESTER PEELE, MISTER! I SURE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DID!

GALT'S NO GOOD-- MARSHAL! I GUESS I'D BETTER MOVE ON TOO!



WHOA, YOUNGSTER! NOT SO FAST--I NEED HELP! I GOT A DEPUTY'S BADGE HERE--WILL YUH TAKE THE JOB?



I SURE WILL, I NEED A JOB REAL BAD!

HOLD IT-- WEARIN' A BADGE IS A LOT MORE THAN JUST A JOB! THERE'S SALOON DOWN THE STREET! TAKE A WALK DOWN THERE, GO INSIDE-- WITHOUT THE BADGE!



I DID WHAT HE SAID-- I COULDN'T SEE ANY SENSE IN IT BUT I DID IT ANYWAY! THE MEN INSIDE WERE FRIENDLY LIKE ALWAYS....

HE SAID TUH COME OUT IN FIVE MINUTES-- TIME'S UP!



NOW--GO BACK IN THERE AN' YUH'LL SEE WHAT I MEAN!

MARSHAL, I THINK YUH GOT SUNSTROKE OR SOMETHIN'!



I WENT BACK IN THERE AGAIN, MIDGE--AN' I FOUND OUT SOMETHIN' YUH GOT TUH LEARN YET! THE BADGE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

WATCH IT, BOYS! THEY SURE AIN'T PERTICKLER WHO WALKS IN HERE!

DEPPITY MARSHAL! BIG DEAL! I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE WEARS HIS FACE!



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I WAS LEARNIN' FAST--
BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH/
THAT WAS A TOUGH BUNCH
AN' I THOUGHT I WAS
TOUGHER!

MISTER,
YUH BETTER
SHUT UP!
I'M NOT
TAKIN'
ANY
INSULTS!

YES, YUH
ARE,
BABYFACE!



NO, YUH
DON'T
BUSTER!



I WAS UP TO MY EARS
IN TROUBLE...BUT I
DID THE BEST I COULD!

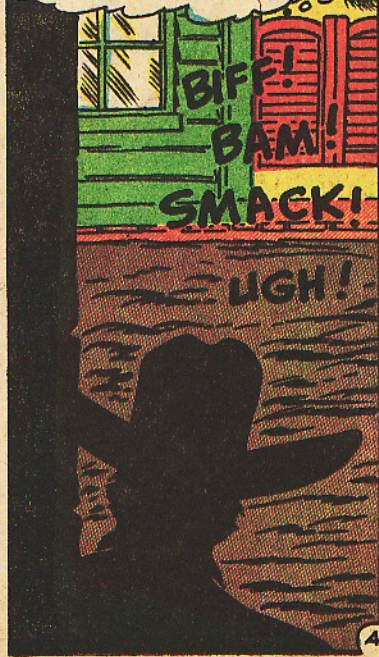


I WAS LEARNIN' ALL THE
TIME! EVERY FIST THAT
CAUGHT ME TAUGHT ME
SOMETHIN' NEW!

THEY'RE GONNA
GET ME DOWN--WHEN
THAT HAPPENS, I'M
THROUGH!

BIFF!
BAM!
SMACK!

UGH!



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Annie Oakley

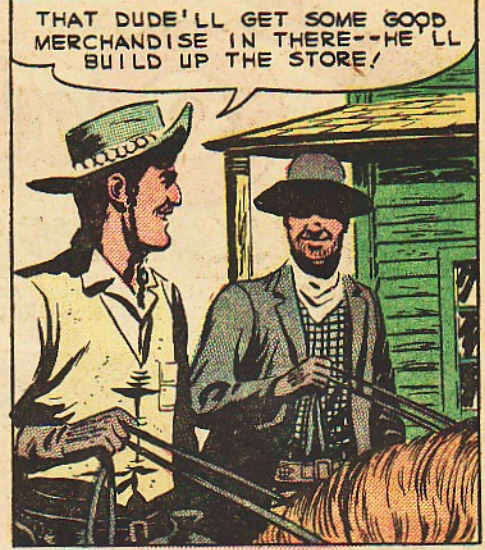
JEREMIAH J. CRESWICK WAS THE MEEKEST, MOST TIMID TENDERFOOT WHO EVER HIT BUSTED AXLE! HE'D BOUGHT CASH DENO'S HARDWARE STORE AND HE EXPECTED TO FIND A TIDY, THRIVING LITTLE BUSINESS! INSTEAD, HE FOUND AN OLD SHACK WITH RUSTY SHOVELS AND A BENT RAKE...AND CASH DENO WITH A SIX-GUN WHO JEERED AT THE DUDE WHEN HE TRIED TO CANCEL THE DEAL! ANNIE OAKLEY SAW THAT PART OF IT...

in THE TURNING WORM

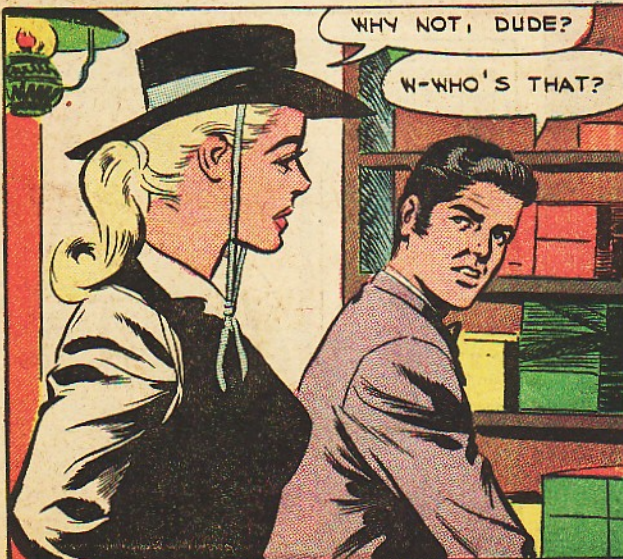
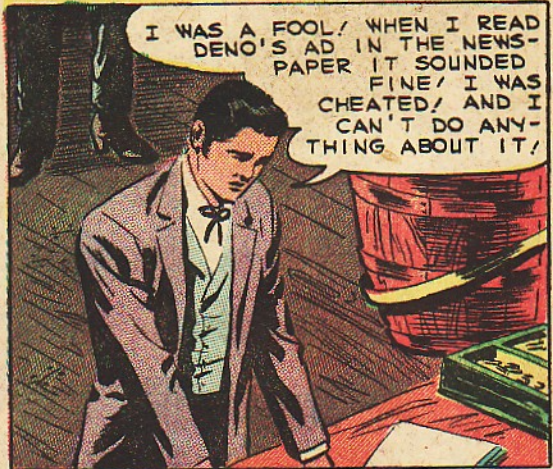


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THE QUEEN OF THE SHARP-SHOOTERS WAITED-- IF THE EASTERN DUDE HAD PUT UP A FIGHT, SHE WOULD'VE HELPED! BUT J. J. CRESWICK WAS AFRAID--



THE EASTERNER WAS WITHOUT HOPE-- HE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT ANNIE OAKLEY WAS STILL THERE AT FIRST!





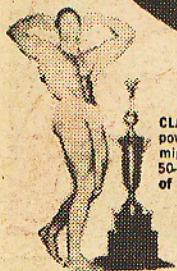
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HE SURE WILL--ESPECIALLY WHEN HE SEES YOU'RE DOING BUSINESS! YOU WILL, MISTER! THE RAILROAD'S COMIN' THROUGH HERE--I JUST HEARD ABOUT IT! THEY'LL NEED TOOLS, SPIKES, THINGS LIKE THAT!



BUT CASH DENO WILL COME BACK AND TAKE OVER WHEN THAT HAPPENS! I CAN'T FIGHT HIM! I DON'T KNOW HOW!

I'LL TEACH YOU, MISTER! ALL YOU'RE GONNA NEED IS THE COURAGE--I'LL GIVE YOU THE KNOW-HOW!



IT WORKED JUST THE WAY ANNIE OAKLEY SAID IT WOULD--THE BUSINESS PART OF IT! THE RAILROAD BOUGHT MOUNTAINS OF HARDWARE FROM J. J. CRESWICK! AND ANNIE WAS NEARBY OFTEN, TEACHING HIM ABOUT GUNS--



D-DID I HIT IT, ANNIE?

NOPE!

ANNIE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND CRESWICK'S INCREDIBLE CLUMSINESS WITH A GUN! SHE SAID, "DO IT THIS WAY!" AND...



IT'S NO USE, ANNIE! I'M JUST TIMID ABOUT GUNS!

I CAN SEE THAT, JEREMIAH! LISTEN-- YOU'RE NOT YELLA, I'M SURE OF IT! WOULD YOU FIGHT DENO WITH YORE FISTS?



I SURE WOULD! I'D GIVE THE STORE FOR THE CHANCE TO DO IT, TOO!



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ANNIE HAD AN IDEA...SHE WENT TO THE RAILROAD SUPERINTENDENT FIRST!

SURE I'M IN FAVOR OF BANNIN' GUNS IN BUSTED AXLE, ANNIE! MY MEN DON'T CARRY SIX-GUNS ANYWAY!

THANKS, MISTER! I'LL SEE YOU IN TOWN!



SHE ROUNDED UP THE FEW MERCHANTS IN THE TOWN--

SO THE RAILROAD WANTS GUNS BANNED HERE IN TOWN! WILL YOU GENTS AGREE OR DO YUH WANT TO LOSE THE RAILROAD'S BUSINESS!

THE GUNS COME OFF, ANNIE! BUT WHO'LL ENFORCE THE RULE?



I WILL! YOU GENTS CAN APPOINT ME A SPECIAL TEMPORARY MARSHAL-- ONLY A FEW SHADY RANNIES WILL OBJECT-- AFTER THEY GET IN LINE, YOU WON'T NEED ANYONE!

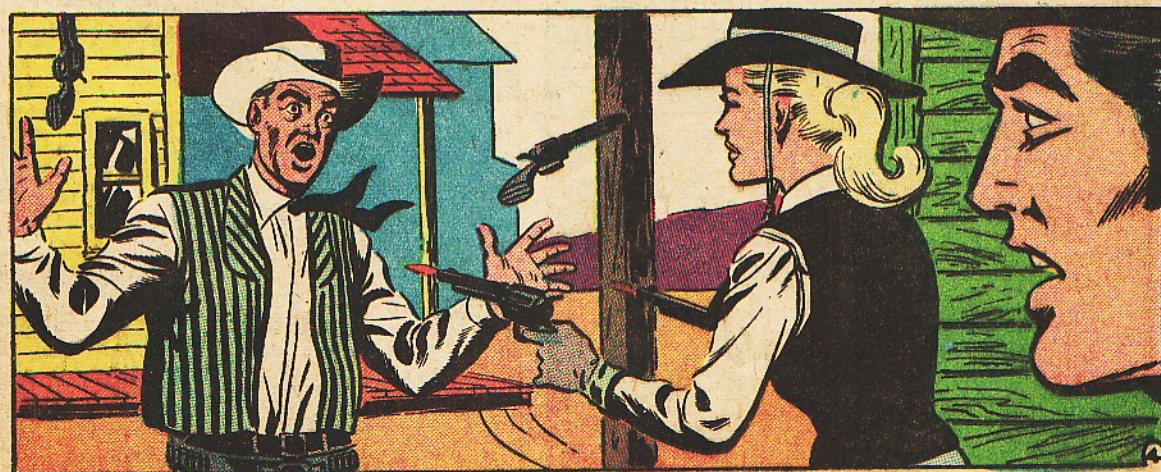
ANNIE HAD TROUBLE AT FIRST...A FLASHY DANDY WAS FIRST TO GET COCKY! HE DIDN'T STAY THAT WAY LONG...

NO ONE'S GONNA TAKE MY GUNS! IF THEY TRY, I'LL BLAST 'EM!



TAKE 'EM OFF, ACE!

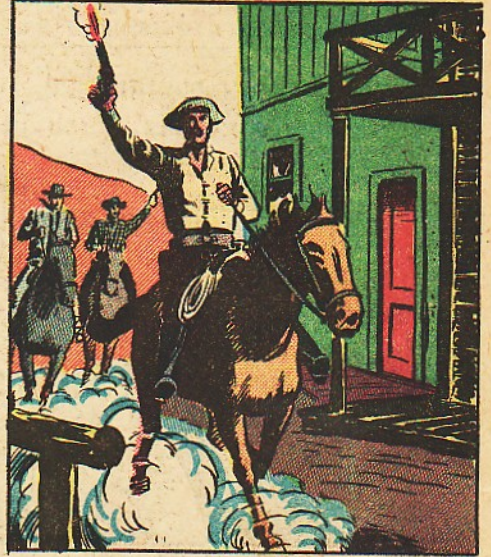
DON'T START NOTHIN' ANNIE! OAKLEY! I'M WARNIN'...



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THEY SAW CASH DENO HEADING INTO TOWN THEN-- HE HAD HIS BOYS WITH HIM AND THEY WERE PRIMED FOR TROUBLE!



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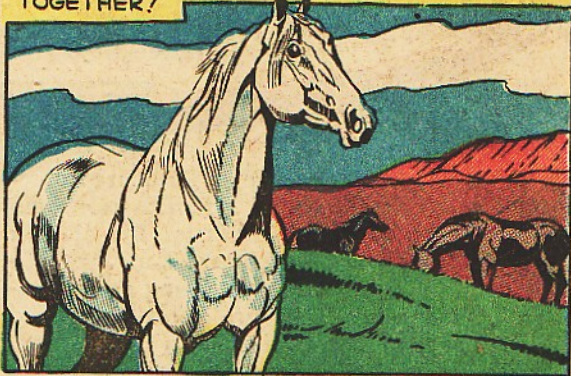
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NO MORE MUSTANGS

SENORES, I WILL TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE HORSE YOU KNOW AS THE MUSTANG.

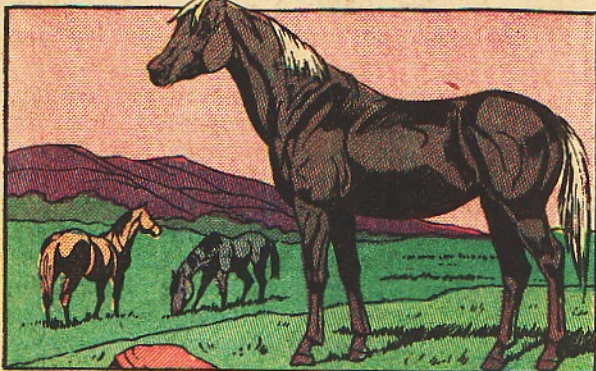


THE WORD CALLED "MUSTANG" IS A CORRUPTION OF THE SPANISH WORD, "MESTENO". WE COULD SAY IT MEANT A HORSE THAT WAS AT LIBERTY WITH OTHERS AND FREE AND GRAZING TOGETHER!

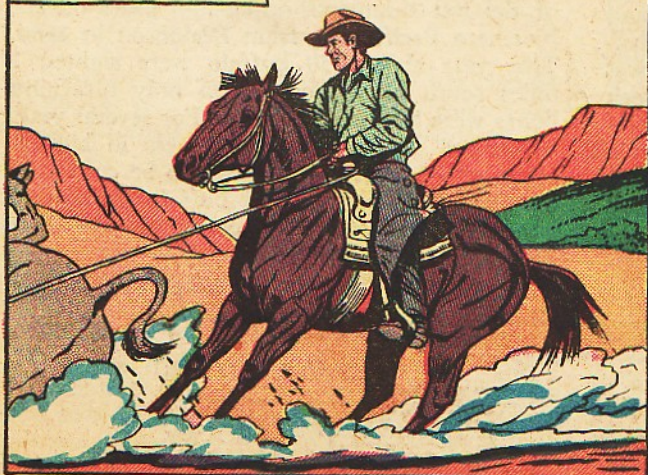


BET YOU NEVER HEARD OF THE WORD "MANADA"! IT MEANS A MUSTANG STALLION AND HIS HAREM OF MARES. THAT STALLION PROBABLY SENSES SOMEBODY IN THE VICINITY. HE WILL DRIVE THE MARES TO ANOTHER PLACE!

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE COWBOY ON THIS MUSTANG. THE HORSE DOESN'T WEIGH MORE THAN 800 POUNDS, BUT HE COULD RUN LIKE THE WIND.



NOTICE THE WAY THE MUSTANG'S HOOF'S ARE JAMMED INTO THE EARTH. THE STEER WILL LOSE THE FIGHT!



ALAS, SENORES, THE MUSTANG IS NO MORE. BUT THEY WILL LIVE AS LONG AS WESTERN FICTION LIVES



END

A COWBOY CALLED

TEDDY

When you hear the name of Theodore Roosevelt you at once think of a famous man who was president of the United States. But did you also know he was once owner of a ranch? So we begin our story on the morning of September 7, 1883, when Theodore Roosevelt arrived at the depot of Little Missouri in the predawn darkness. He avowed reason for coming to the Badlands was to hunt buffalo and other big game.

After spending a night in Little Missouri Pyramid Park Hotel, Roosevelt met Joe Ferris near the contonment buildings. Ferris agreed to act as Roosevelt's guide and the two set off for the Maltese Cross Ranch. Five miles south of Little Missouri they passed near Howard Eaton's Custer Trail Ranch which was later to develop into one of the first dude ranches in the United States.

After fording the river twice they came to the Maltese Cross ranchhouse about three miles south of Howard Eaton's place. Here Roosevelt met William Merrifield and Sylvane Ferris, Joe's brother. Roosevelt spent the night in the crude log cabin. The next day the three men continued south along the river to Gregor Lang's place at the mouth of Little Cannonball Creek. Lang and his son Lincoln had arrived there from Scotland that spring to operate the Neimmela Ranch for Sir John Pender.

While utilizing the ranch as headquarters for his buffalo hunt, Roosevelt spent several evenings with Gregor Lang discussing politics and prospects for the cattle industry in the Badlands. Meanwhile, his search for buffalo was beset with many disappointments. After a week of hunting in almost continuous rains, Roosevelt and Joe Ferris discovered fresh buffalo tracks. They followed these through the rough Badlands. Finally they came upon an old buffalo bull which galloped speedily away. Several miles of hard riding in pursuit brought them out of the Badlands onto the prairie.

In the afternoon they sighted three old bulls and dismounted. Roosevelt crept to within 150 feet of one of them and fired. Although he hit the buffalo, it raced off seemingly uninjured. The chase continued for another 7 or 8 miles when they finally overtook the bull. Rough ground and the speed at which they were riding, caused Roosevelt to miss a shot from close range, and the animal got away.

The discouraged hunters camped for the night. The next morning they renewed the hunt. Soon they sighted several buffalo. Because of rain and cold, Roosevelt missed again and the whole group thundered away. The two men spent another rainy, miserable night on the prairie. But he kept on and he finally got his first buffalo.

Not far from where Roosevelt was hunting, the only sizeable buffalo herd then left in the world was making its last stand. At the beginning of 1883 about 10,000 buffalo ranged south of Dickinson near the Rainy Butts and the headwaters of the Moreau and Grand Rivers. Soon they were reduced to about 1,200 by white hide hunters. At that point, James McLaughlin, superintendent of the Standing Rock Indian Agency, authorized the Sioux Indians under his authority to participate in the hunt.

The town of Sully Springs was one of the most important shipping points for hides on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. One of the last shipments of buffalo hides on the Northern Pacific was from Dickinson in 1884. That year about 250 buffalo were sighted 7 miles south of Medora. Soon only bleaching bones were left on the prairie. For several years the towns did a thriving business in buffalo bones which were shipped east to be converted into fertilizer. As the great buffalo herds were destroyed, domestic cattle began to take their place on the vast open range.

During his buffalo hunting expeditions.

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Roosevelt had spent several evenings with Gregor Lang discussing future prospects for the cattle industry in the Badlands. One evening, in the course of their conversation, Roosevelt asked Lang a question. Would he join him in a ranching venture and manage the cattle he would purchase? Being himself fully involved with Sir John Pender's cattle interests, Lang suggested Sylvane Ferris and William Merrifield. They operated the Maltese Cross Ranch for Wadsworth and Hawley.

Acting upon this suggestion, Roosevelt before returning to New York, entered into an agreement with the two men, and he then bought out the interest of Hawley and Wadsworth. According to the contract, signed at St. Paul on September 27, 1883, Roosevelt agreed to place some 400 cattle on the Chimney Butte, or Maltese Cross Ranch, at a cost of not more than \$12,000.

Ferris and Merrifield agreed to take care of the cattle for a 7 year period. At the end of which time, 400 cattle or their equivalent in value were to be returned to Roosevelt, and the foremen were to receive half the increase. Roosevelt was entitled by the contract to put in additional cattle on the same terms as the original 400.

Returning to New York, he was elected in November 1883 to the State Assembly, and he played a part in most of the major legislation of the State for that session. However, during 1884, personal tragedy struck. Within a single night in February, both his wife and mother died. He decided that he would occupy himself by investing further in the cattle business.

In the months that followed, Roosevelt decided that if his cattle wintered well in the Badlands he would start another ranch. Following the Republican National Convention in Chicago, which he attended as a delegate, Roosevelt took a train to Medora in June 1884. On his arrival he found that the two towns on the Little Missouri had grown considerably since his previous visit some 8 months before.

Soon after Roosevelt returned to his Maltese Cross Ranch in 1884 he began planning to extend his ranching operations. He wrote to his sister, Mrs. Anna Cowles:

"... For every day I have been here I have had my hands full. First and foremost, the cattle have done well, and I regard the outlook for making the business a success as being very hopeful. This winter I lost about 25 head from wolves, cold, etc., the others are in admirable shape, and I have about a hundred and fifty-five calves. I shall put in a thousand more cattle and shall make it my regular business. In the autumn I shall bring out Sewall and Dow and put them on a ranch with very few cattle to

start with, and in the course of a couple of years give them quite a herd also."

Acting on this decision, Roosevelt sent his ranch foreman, Sylvane Ferris and William Merrifield to Iowa to purchase 1,000 cattle. In mid-June the COW BOY, the local paper, noted Roosevelt's expanding operations:

"Mr. Roosevelt is still at Ferris & Merrifield's ranch, hunting and playing cowboy. It seems to be more congenial work than reforming New York state politics. He is thoroughly impressed with the profit of raising cattle in the Badlands as his vigorous backing of Ferris Bros. & Merrifield testifies."

In the summer of 1884 Roosevelt took steps to establish another ranch. He selected the site for this second ranch, which he called Elkhorn, on the Little Missouri River about 35 miles south of Medora. In common with most of the ranches of that period, both the Elkhorn and Maltese Cross were on railroad or Government land so Roosevelt did not obtain title to either. He induced two former Maine guides, Wilmnot Dow and William Sewall to become foremen of the new ranch.

By August, his cattle numbered about 1,600 head. The Elkhorn buildings, begun in the autumn and winter of 1884-85, were completed in the early summer of 1885. The Elkhorn Ranch house was one of the finest in the Badlands. Roosevelt described it as the "Home Ranch House." Henceforth he spent most of his time in the Badlands there instead of at Maltese Cross.

At the time of the spring roundup of 1885, Roosevelt apparently added more cattle to both of his herds. A contemporary news item stated: "Fifteen hundred head of steers, yearlings, and two's came in Thursday morning for the Elkhorn and Chimney Butte ranches of Theodore Roosevelt. They were in fair condition for their long ride, and except for the disadvantage of a large number being yearlings, give every evidence of growing into good beef. The larger majority are steers. A good lot of Short-horn bulls and one Polled-Angus were in the herd. A thousand of these cattle will be driven to the Elkhorn ranch and five hundred to the already well-stocked Chimney Butte ranch."

Theodore Roosevelt was a popular rancher and well liked by his neighbors and friends. Who could foresee that this man would be a fighting spirit in the War between the United States and Spain? Or that he would become Vice-President and then President of the United States? Those thoughts certainly were a million miles away from the cowboys who rode with "Teddy" and knew that he was a true westerner — one who could take it, and stand up against anything.

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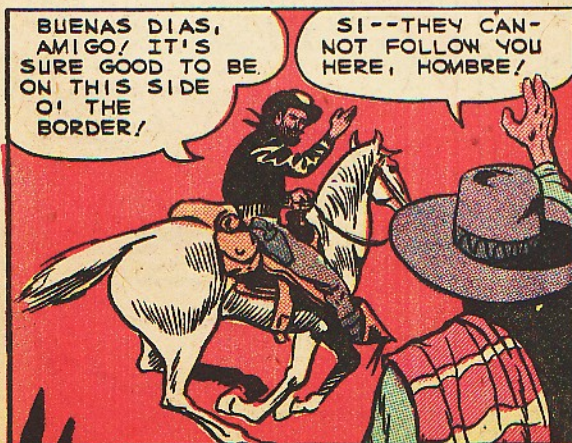
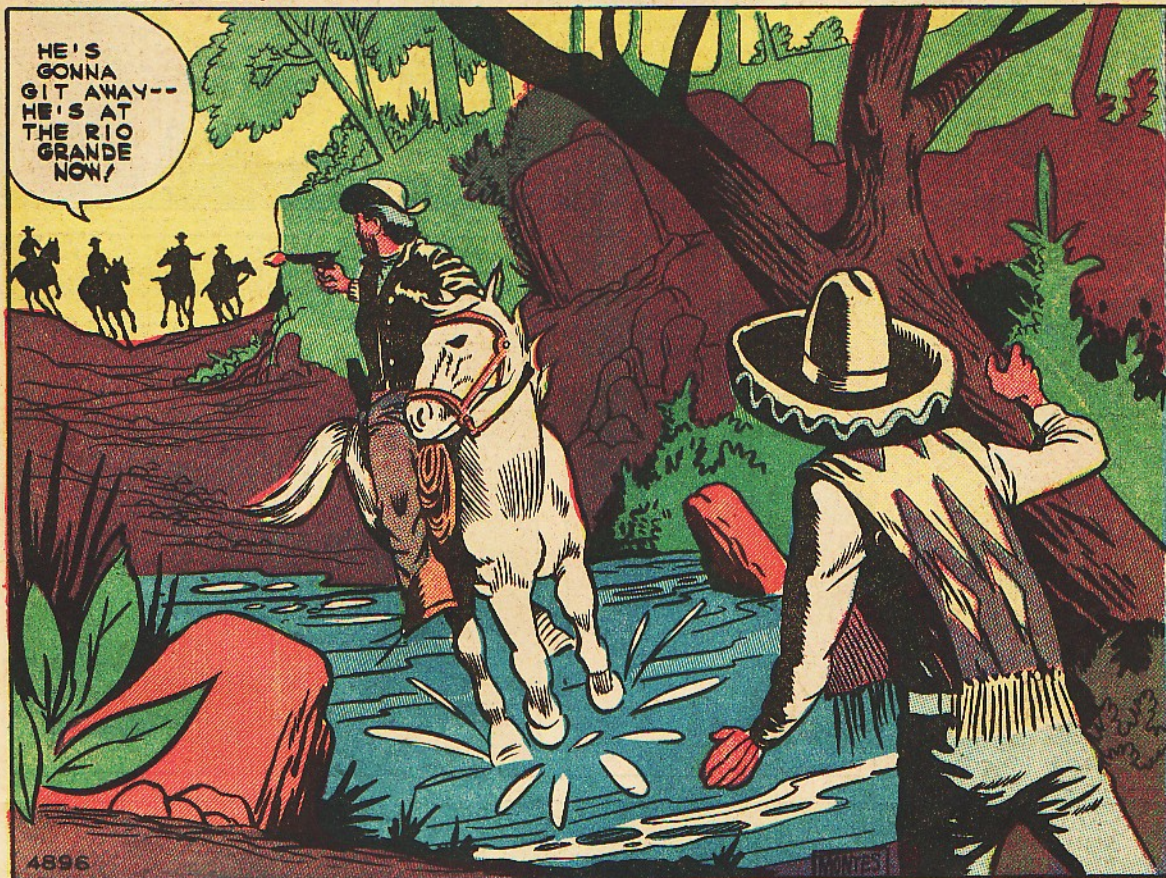
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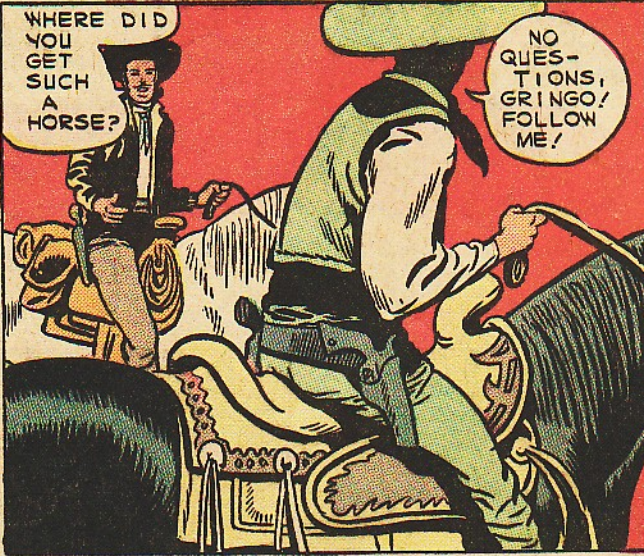
WILD BILL HICKOK IN RIO CROSSING

WILD BILL HAD A SACK FULL OF CASH--THE TEXAS BORDER TOWN BEHIND HIM WAS IN AN UPROAR--AND A DOZEN HEAVILY ARMED RIDERS WERE CLOSE ON HIS HEELS THROWING PLENTY OF LEAD! BILL WAS GRINNING AS HE NEARED THE SHALLOW TRICKLE CALLED THE RIO GRANDE--JUST ACROSS IT LAY MEXICO--SANCTUARY FROM TEXAS LAW!

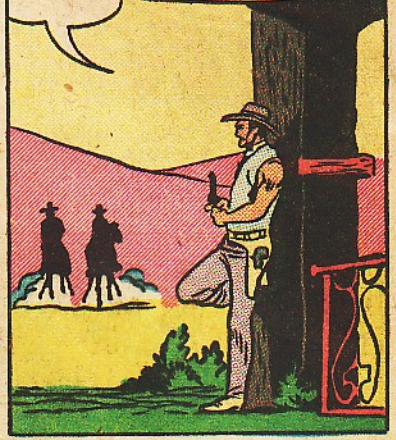


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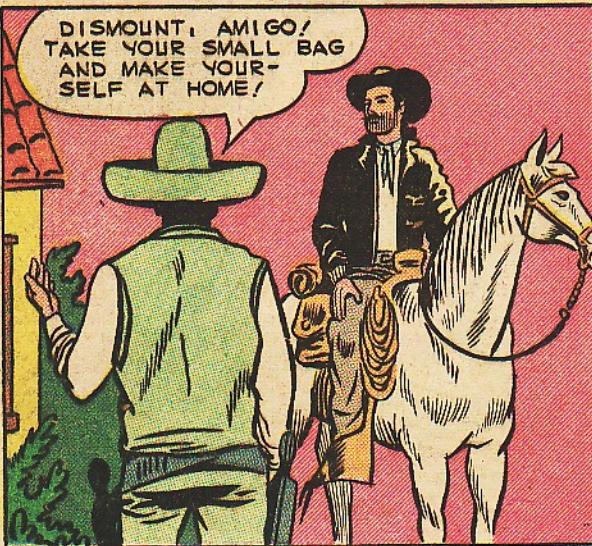
WILD BILL FOLLOWED THE MEXICAN... AND HE WASN'T SURPRISED WHEN THE MAN LED THE WAY TO A FINE HORSE TIED CLOSE BY!



CHICO'S BRINGING COMPANY--I'D BETTER WARN TATE AN' LAY LOW TILL WE SEE WHAT THE PLAY IS!



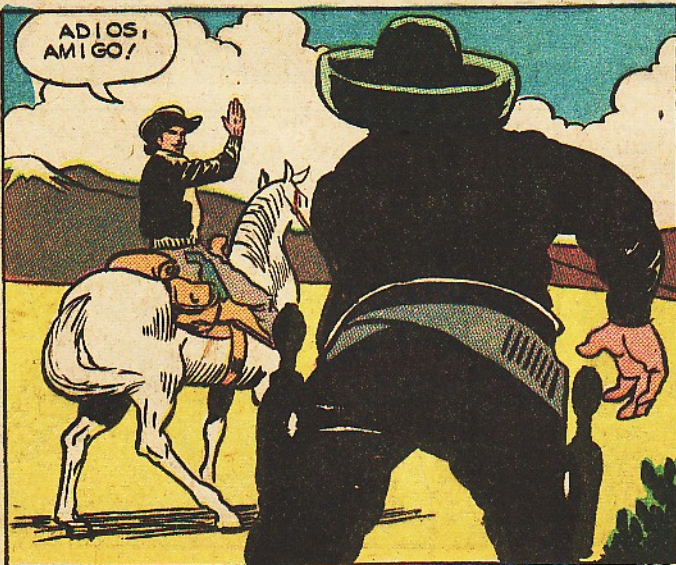
DISMOUNT, AMIGO! TAKE YOUR SMALL BAG AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!



I RECKON NOT, MISTER! I THINK I'LL RIDE SOUTH SOME MORE! I WANT TO GET FARTHER AWAY FROM THE BORDER!



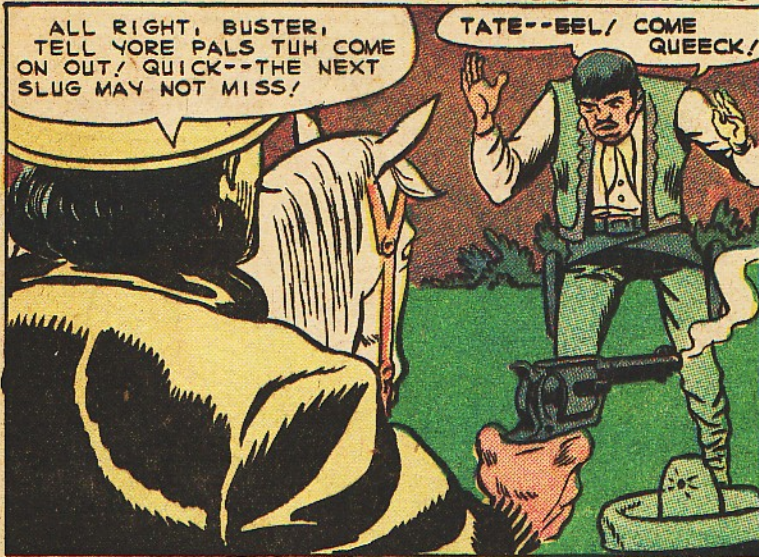
ADIOS, AMIGO!



CHICO'S DRAW WAS FAST--HE WAS THUMBING THE HAMMER BACK AS HE LEVELED THE HEAVY COLT...AND FELT A SLUG WHISTLE PAST HIS EAR!

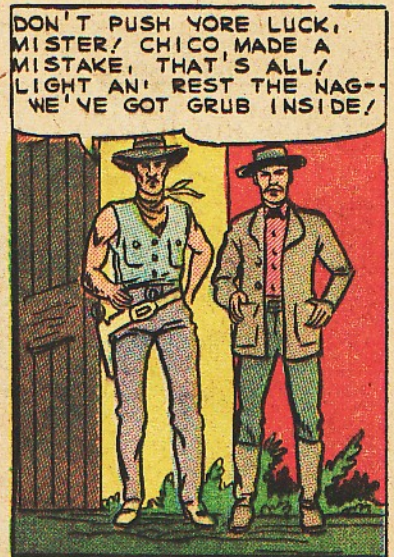


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ALL RIGHT, BUSTER, TELL YORE PALS TUH COME ON OUT! QUICK--THE NEXT SLUG MAY NOT MISS!

TATE--EEL/ COME QUEECK!

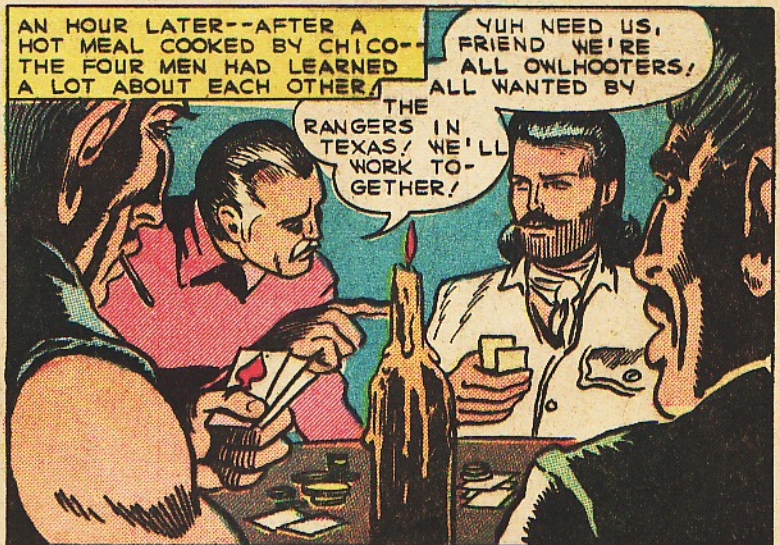


DON'T PUSH YORE LUCK, MISTER! CHICO MADE A MISTAKE, THAT'S ALL! LIGHT AN' REST THE NAG--WE'VE GOT GRUB INSIDE!



THAT SOUNDS GOOD--JUST REMEMBER, I'M A MITE EDGY! DON'T TRY TUH GET THE VALISE ON MY SADDLE!

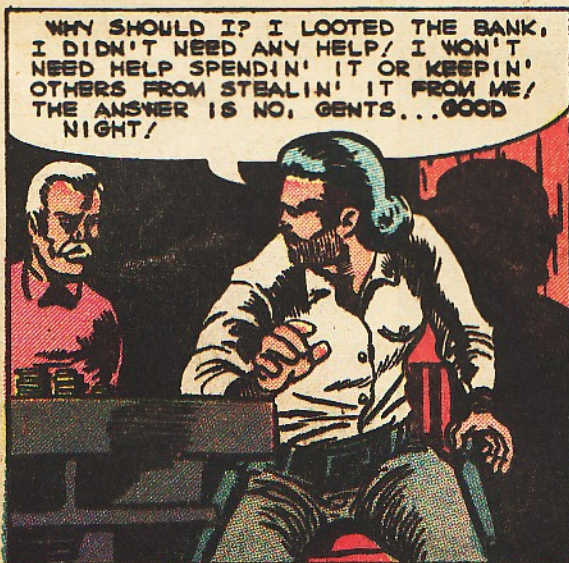
WE HEARD SHOOTIN' ACROSS THE RIVER, WAS THAT IN YORE FAVOR?



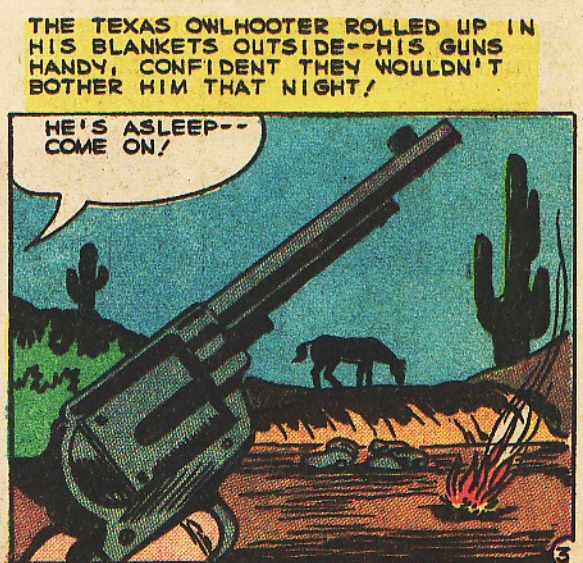
AN HOUR LATER--AFTER A HOT MEAL COOKED BY CHICO--THE FOUR MEN HAD LEARNED A LOT ABOUT EACH OTHER.

YUH NEED US, FRIEND WE'RE ALL OWLHOOTERS, ALL WANTED BY

THE RANGERS IN TEXAS! WE'LL WORK TO-GETHER!



WHY SHOULD I? I LOOTED THE BANK, I DIDN'T NEED ANY HELP! I WON'T NEED HELP SPENDIN' IT OR KEEPIN' OTHERS FROM STEALIN' IT FROM ME! THE ANSWER IS NO, GENTS...GOOD NIGHT!



THE TEXAS OWLHOOTER ROLLED UP IN HIS BLANKETS OUTSIDE--HIS GUNS HANDY, CONFIDENT THEY WOULDN'T BOTHER HIM THAT NIGHT!

HE'S ASLEEP--COME ON!

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THEY TOOK NO CHANCES--THEY INJURED UP ON THE SLEEPING MAN, THEIR SILENT GUNS READY...

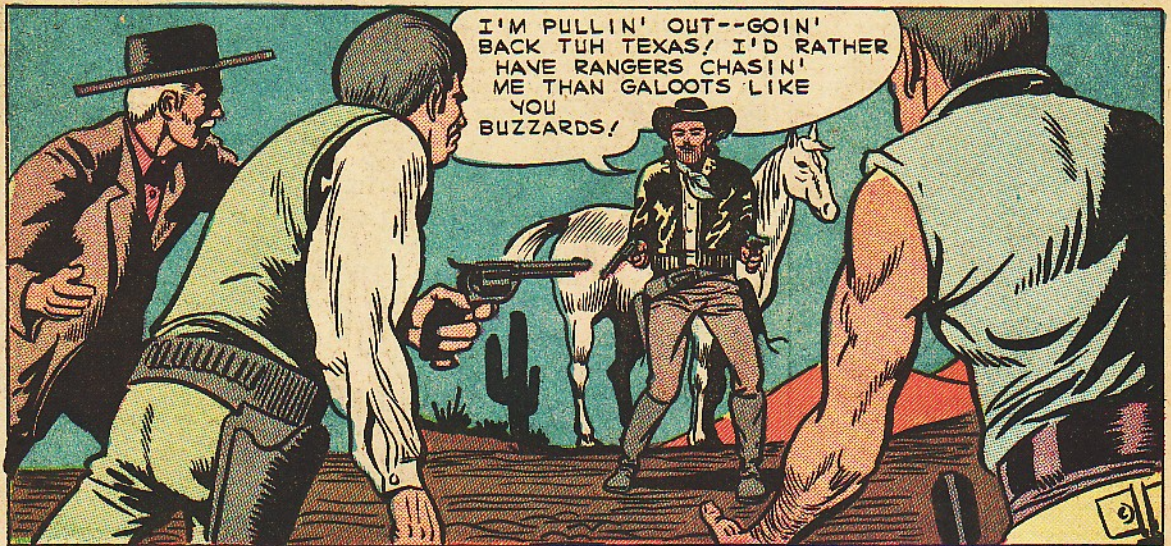
I COULD FEENISH HIM NOW, TATE?



FREEZE, YOU LOBOS!



I'M PULLIN' OUT--GOIN' BACK TUH TEXAS! I'D RATHER HAVE RANGERS CHASIN' ME THAN GALOOT'S LIKE YOU BUZZARDS!



IT TOOK ONLY SECONDS TO SADDLE UP--IN A MINUTE, HE WAS HEADED NORTH!



COME ON--HE'S GOT A SACKFUL O' DOUGH--WE'RE GETTIN' IT!



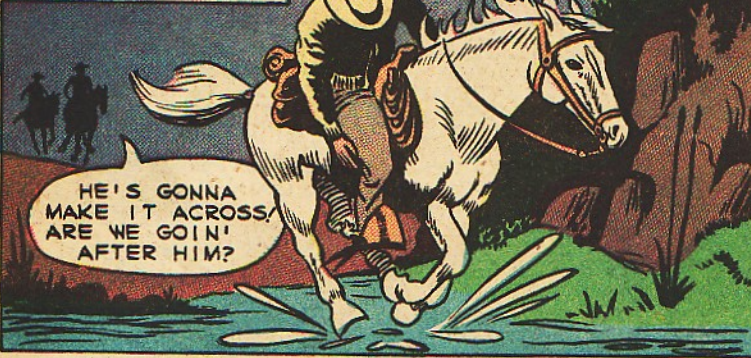
THE THREE OUTLAWS HAD FRESH HORSES--IT SEEMED CERTAIN THAT THEY'D NAB BILL BEFORE HE REACHED THE RIVER!



COME ON--THE RIVER'S ONLY A HALF MILE AWAY!

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WILD BILL WAS ONLY A HUNDRED YARDS AHEAD AS HE HIT THE RIVER! AND ONE OF THEY'RE BULLETS SEEMED TO FIND ITS MARK!



HE'S GONNA MAKE IT ACROSS! ARE WE GOIN' AFTER HIM?

COME ON--HE'S OFF HIS HORSE! WE C'N GRAB THE DOUGH AN' DUCK RIGHT BACK AGAIN!



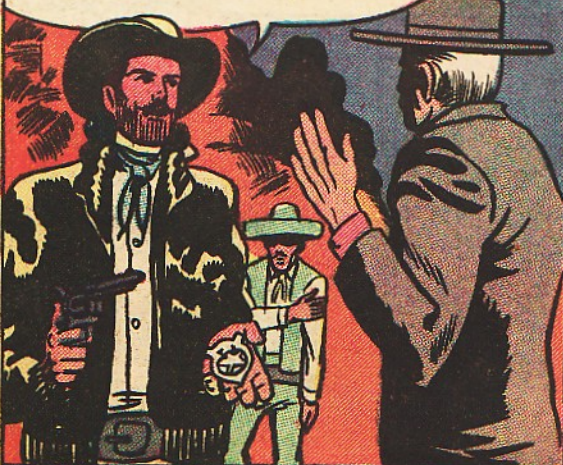
THE TRIO'S COLTS WERE OUT BUT THEY WEREN'T READY FOR THE RECEPTION WAITING ON TEXAS SOIL!



ALL RIGHT, BUZZARDS, WE'RE FIGHTIN' ON HOME GROUND NOW!

HOLD IT, DON'T SHOOT!

YUH'RE UNDER ARREST-- I'M WILD BILL HICKOCK! SOME OF MY BUDDIES WILL BE ALONG IN A MINUTE!



LATER... IN THE TOWN WHERE WILD BILL SUPPOSEDLY LOOTED THE BANK!

IT WORKED LIKE YUH SAID IT WOULD, WILD BILL!

FAKIN' THE ROBBERY WAS EASY--AN' I KNEW WHERE THEY WERE HOLED UP! I WATCHED CHICO FOR A WEEK WAITIN' FOR A SLIP UP!



END.

SIX GUN VOW

THE S-BAR RANCH LOOMED BIG AND SPRAWLING IN THE WHITE FURY OF THE STORM! WINTER HAD COME EARLY TO WYOMING THAT YEAR, BUT THE HATE THAT WAS IN THE HEART OF JOSHUA BRANT WAS A STEADY THING WINTER OR SUMMER, A HATE THAT COULD ONLY END IN DESTRUCTION!

INJUNS! KICK THEM OUT INTO THE STORM AGAIN! I'LL HAVE NO DIRTY REDSKINS IN MY HOUSE!

WAIT A MINUTE, BOSS! THE MAN AIN'T NO INJUN! THAT'S PAWNEE BILL, THE PLAINS SCOUT!



THE MAN CAN STAY! KICK THE INJUNS OUT!

HOLD ON! YOU CAN'T TURN A WOMAN AND CHILD OUT INTO THIS STORM NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE!

NO ONE TELLS JOSHUA BRANT WHAT TO DO IN HIS OWN HOME! KICK HIM OUT TOO, MEN... AND ROUGH HIM UP A LITTLE TO TEACH HIM MANNERS!

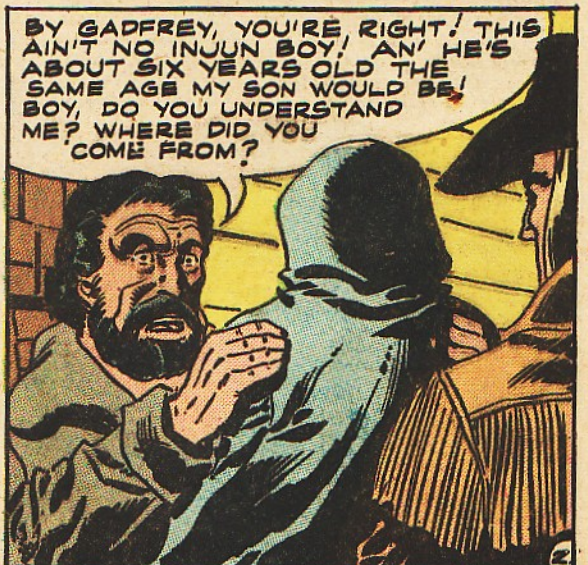
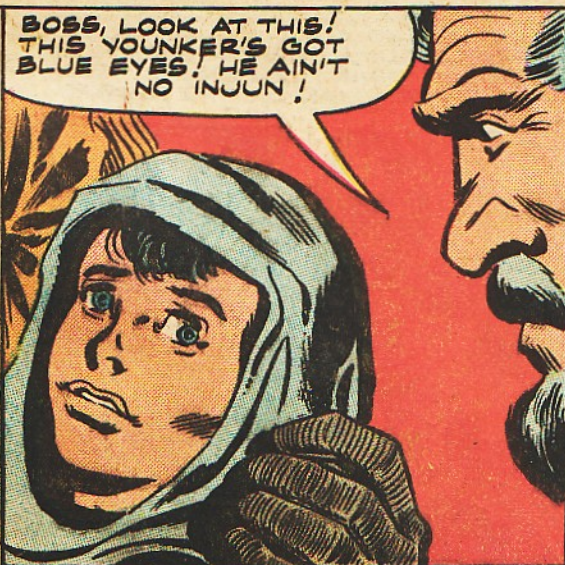
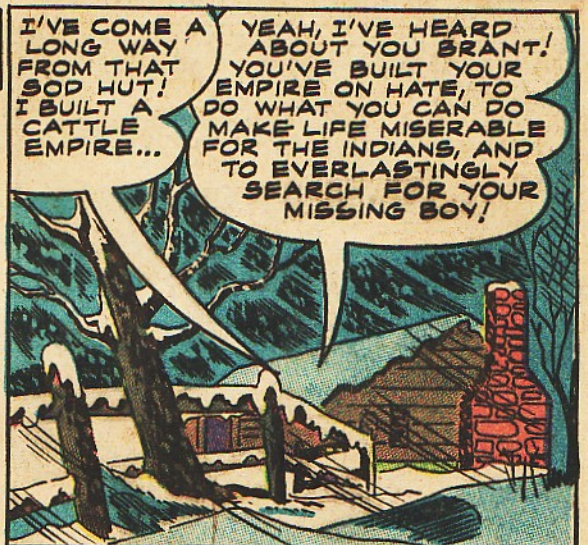


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CONFUSED BY THE DEFIANCE AND QUICK SHOOTING OF THE PLAINSMAN, BRANT'S CREW STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS!

SIX YEARS AGO I MADE A VOW ON THIS GUN THAT I'D KILL EVERY INJUN I SAW, BECAUSE SIX YEARS AGO MY WIFE DIED IN A SOD HUT AN' INJUNS STOLE MY BABY SON!



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HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND! BUT WE'LL MAKE THE SQUAW TALK! I'M POSITIVE HE'S MY SON! HE'S GOT TO BE MY SON!

THE CHEYENNES WERE IN CAMP JUST BEYOND OUR SOUTH LINES!

THE SQUAW AND THE BOY COME FROM THE CHEYENNE CAMP, THE BEADING ON THEIR MOCASSINS INDICATE THAT! I FOUND THEM HUDDLED NEAR YOUR BARN! THE STORM MUST'VE CAUGHT THEM WHILE THEY WERE OUT WINTER BERRY PICKING!



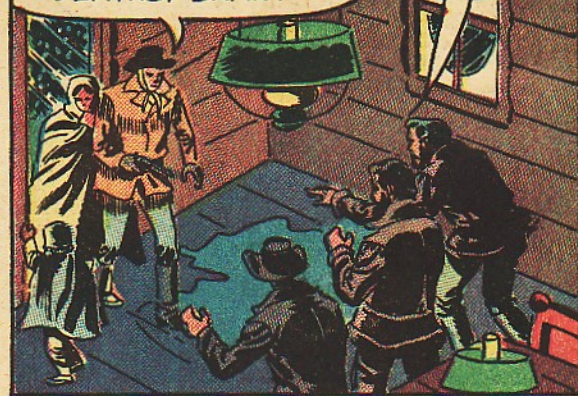
BRANT, I KNOW YOU'RE A HIGH-HANDLED MAN AN' YUH CAST A BIG SHADOW IN PARTS, BUT I WON'T HAVE YUH HURTIN' THIS SQUAW!

YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO SAY MISTER! GET HIM MEN!

PUSHED BY BRANT'S ARROGANT VOICE HIS CREW ADVANCED ON THE DEADLY PAWNEE BILL!

YOU'RE SENDING SOME OF THESE MEN TO THEIR DEATHS, BRANT!

GET HIM!



ALL RIGHT, BRANT! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT YOU'LL GET IT FIRST!

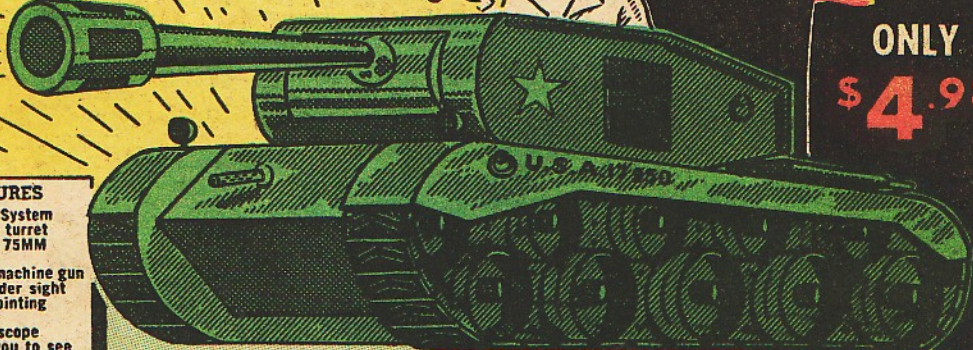
BOSS, THE SQUAW AN' THE BOY ARE GONE!

SHE SNEAKED OUT WITH THE BOY! SPREAD OUT! SEARCH EVERY SHADOW! FIND THEM OR I'LL FIRE EVERY MAN ON THE SPREAD!



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FOR AN HOUR THE S-BAR CREW WHIPPED BY BRANT'S VOICE SEARCHED!

AIN'T NO USE, BOSS! THEY GOT PLUMB AWAY!

PROBABLY HEADIN' BACK FOR THE CHEYENNE VILLAGE!

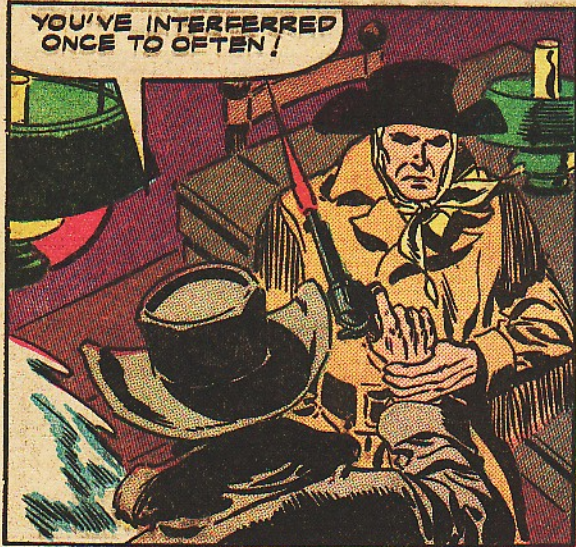


I WANT EVERY MAN MOUNTED IN FIVE MINUTES, FULLY ARMED! WE'RE GOING TO THAT CHEYENNE VILLAGE AN' WIPE IT OUT AN' I'M GOIN' TO TAKE MY BOY BACK!

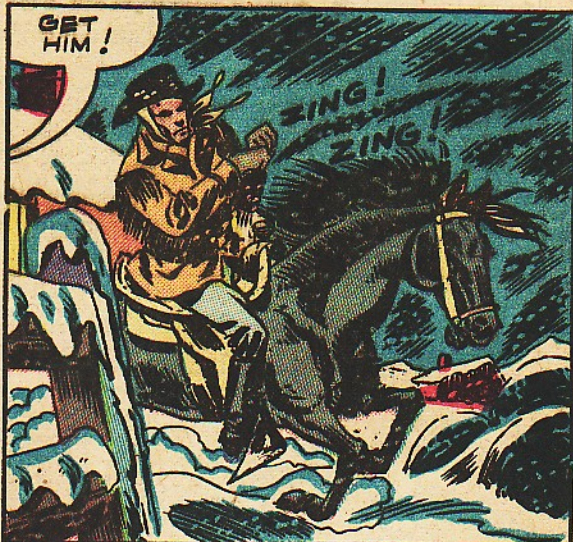
YOU CAN'T DO THAT! YOU'LL START AN INDIAN WAR THAT'LL GET HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE KILLED, WHITE AND RED!



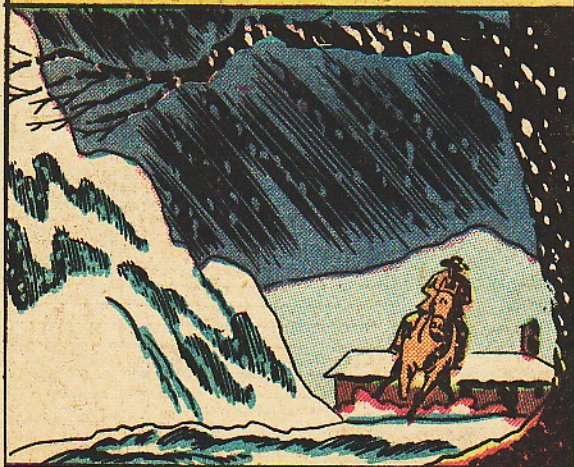
YOU'VE INTERFERRED ONCE TO OFTEN!



GET HIM!



IN THE SHADOWY SNOW THE BULLETS WHIPPED HARMLESSLY BY AND THEN PAWNEE BILL WAS AWAY, SWALLOWED UP IN THE SMOTHERING WHITENESS...



HE PUSHED HIS HORSE HARD AND TWO HOURS LATER ENTERED THE CHEYENNE VILLAGE! HE SPOKE THEN IN FLUENT CHEYENNE!

CHIEF PONY WALKS, IT IS I, BLOOD BROTHER TO THE CHEYENNE!

ONE WHO LIVED IN PAWNEE LODGES IS WELCOME TO THE LODGES OF THE CHEYENNE! WHAT MESSAGE DO YOU BRING, BLOOD-BROTHER!



SIX - GUN HEROES

A FEW QUICK QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND THE STORY WAS TOLD!

...SO I TOOK THE WHITE BOY FROM THE SIOUX WHEN WE RAIDED THEM AND MADE OF HIM MY SON! BUT, IF THE BOY IS TRULY THE RANCHER'S SON THEN IT IS WRITTEN I MUST RETURN HIM TO HIS FATHER! SHOW THE RANCHER THIS RING THE BOY WORE!



THE RANCHER WILL NOT STOP TO LISTEN FOR HE IS FILLED WITH HATE! I MUST MAKE HIM STOP AND TELL HIM THIS I KNOW BEFORE HE ATTACKS!



PAWNEE BILL RODE OUT, AND TO HIS EARS CAME THE SOUND OF BRANT AND HIS MEN! QUIETLY HE RODE TOWARD THEM!

IT'S THE RENEGADE, SHOOT!



YOU STUBBORN, HATEFILLED CUSS, YOU'RE GOIN' TO LISTEN TO ME AN' CHIEF PONY WALKS WHETHER YUH WANT TO OR NOT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN THE CHEYENNE VILLAGE!

THE CHIEF SAYS THE BOY IS YOURS SINCE YOU RECOGNIZE THE RING! HE HAS BROUGHT HIM UP WELL! LET ME TELL YOU BRANT, HE LOVES THIS BOY! TAKING HIM FROM THE SIOUX PROBABLY SAVED THE BOY'S LIFE!



TELL THE CHIEF MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED AND HATE HAS LEFT MY HEART! HIS TRIBE IS IN A BAD WAY! I WILL SEND BEEF TO TIDE THEM OVER AND MY LAND AND HOUSE WILL ALWAYS BE OPENED TO THE CHEYENNE!

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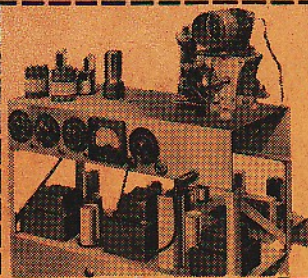
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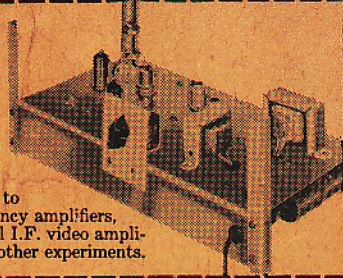


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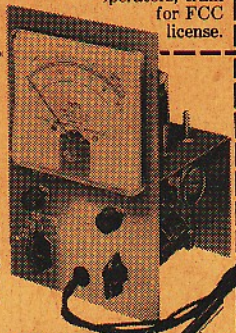
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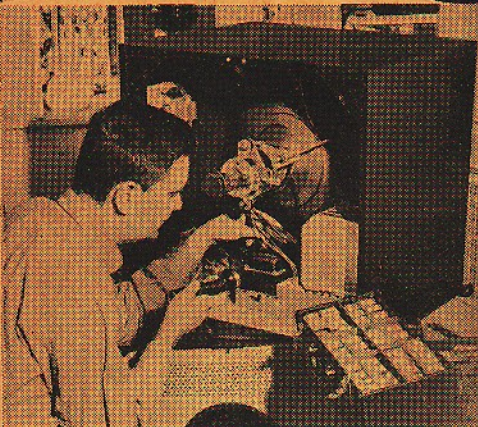
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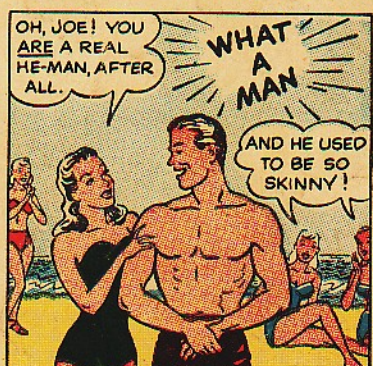
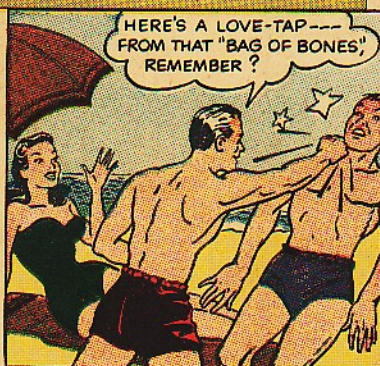
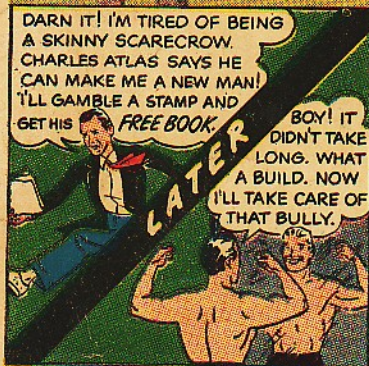
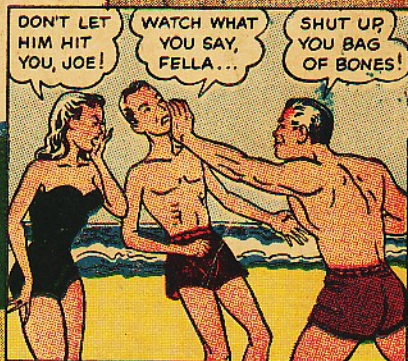
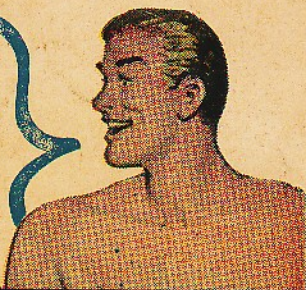
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